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Enclosed please find 16 pages of specification, 8 pages of claims, 1 page of Abstract, and 6 sheets of drawing figures. Also enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney, Recordation Cover Sheet, Assignment, and a Request for Non-publication Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213.

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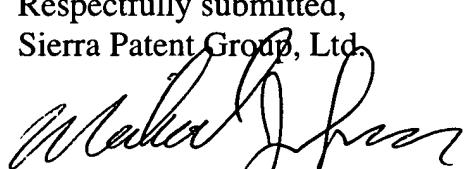
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